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THE  
FEDERATION HOUSE  
AYER, MASS.



*Miss Clara Lindstadt.*  
*1101 Arch St.*  
*Burlington Iowa.*

From  
Port A. S. Lindstrahl  
to C. G. 33rd Engte.  
Camp Cleveland  
Ohio.





"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Stevens Mass,  
May 12, 1918.

Dear Sis, -

Just a few lines to tell you I received your package and I want to thank you folks for it. I sure am putting you folks to a lot of trouble ain't I, but if you folks get tired of it I don't want you to go to too much trouble for me. I will soon be going out of the Old U. S. A. and it will make a lot of trouble to send stuff to the other side and chances are the things might get lost. Did you get my letter with the dollar in it? I thought I would let you folks get ~~some~~ for me, because you can save me 12 cents on a bar, and that means a whole lot to a soldier.

I want to say Sis that I received a box of candy every week from

Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.



Amanda and I feel as though I am a beggar. Did you give Amanda one of my pictures yet? By the tone of her letters she has not received one yet, for she wanted me to send some sort of a picture to her, which makes me believe that she didn't get any. I want to give her one on account of her sending me all this candy, otherwise I wouldn't bother about it.

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Well Sis as this is Mothers day  
I thought I would write to you and  
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I hope it doesn't catch Rob, but if  
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to be all short fellows, the people all  
look when they see our gang from the  
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Your Bro.  
Pete W. F. Lindstadt.  
(P.S. Write soon)



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[[Image: Military postmark:  
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[[Image: Original  
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stamp with left-facing  
George Washington]]

Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

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[Page 2 – Back on envelope]

[[written along short right edge of envelope, below seal flap:]]

From

Pvt. V.T. Lindstadt

Co. E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Engrs.

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